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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject continued prosecution application (CPA) as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1, 5 and 17 to read as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A digital optical communication device comprising:
an optical reception circuit converting an optical signal received from any external source
to an electric signal;
a decoding circuit decoding the electric signal resultant from conversion by said optical

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